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Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 01-24-2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Buscemi et al disclose polyethylene glycol 200 diacrylate in Example 6, thus disclosing at least an alkoxyated alkanediol di(meth)acrylate among the alkoxyated (meth)acrylates set forth in the proposed amendment to claim 1. Applicant points out the difference between neopentyl glycol diacrylate and alkoxyated neopentyl glycol diacrylate. This is known and is not persuasive that alkoxyated diacrylates are not disclosed by Buscemi et al. Buscemi et al disclose polyalkylene glycol diacrylates, including polyethylene glycol di(meth)acrylates, such as the polyethylene glycol 200 diacrylate used in Example 6, that can be used instead of neopentyl glycol diacrylate which is used in several examples. Trimethylene glycol diacrylate, for instance, comprises three ethylene glycol or ethoxy units, and thus is an alkoxyated diacrylate.

Applicant's arguments that the disclosures of Buscemi et al and Bae et al are non-analogous are not persuasive for the following reasons. Buscemi et al are relied upon for disclosing hydrophilic compositions to provide lubricity. Bae et al are relied upon for teaching that alkoxyated polyacrylate monomers can be polymerized in the presence of photoinitiators to provide coatings.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to /Susan W. Berman/ whose telephone number is 571 272 1067. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:30-6:00.

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